

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: c85f4049-1502-484f-9a85-1bfe546f9951

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900598.011

Medium: Video File

Creator: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 February 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 19 February 2020

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	c85f4049-1502-484f-9a85-1bfe546f9951	0:38
Total running time:		0:38

Summary of reasons for decision:

‘c85f4049-1502-484f-9a85-1bfe546f9951’ is an amateur video that depicts a shootout taking place on a street. One of the gunmen seen in the video is shot and collapses on the ground, clearly seriously injured. The video appears to have been filmed by an uninvolved witness and is observational in effect. The video is likely to greatly shock and disturb children and teenagers in particular. Footage like this is also likely to have an eventual effect of inuring younger viewers who are still developing emotionally and cognitively, to other real-life suffering more generally. While many adults are also likely to be disturbed by the footage, they are expected to have the maturity and experience to appropriately contextualise potentially distressing material. The Classification Office has considered

the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. A restriction on the publication's availability to adults places a limit on the right to freedom of expression, but this is a reasonable and justifiable limitation given the risk of injury to the public good.